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S E C R E T ANKARA 6339

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TU, GR, CY

SUBJECT: CYPRUS: TURK AIR ALERT

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THROUGH US MILITARY REPORTING, LAST NIGHT INCIRLIK WENT ON MAXIMUM ALERT. THIS INVOLVES 29 F-100 AIRCRAFT LOADED WITH 750-LB BOMBS AND ROCKETS AND 8 RF-84-F RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. CONTROL TOWER WHICH HAD BEEN REDUCED TO TWO TURK CONTROLLERS NOW INCREASED TO 8 WHICH WAS MAXIMUM DURING EARLIER FIGHTING.

2. IT IS NOW 4:30 LOCAL TIME IN AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 8 AND WE HAVE BEEN CHECKING ACTIVITIES OTHER AIR BASES (WHERE WE HAVE AMERICAN PERSONNEL) THROUGH THE DAY AND UNTIL VERY RECENTLY REPORTS HAVE BEEN "NO CHANGE IN STATUS." A SHORT TIME AGO, HOWEVER, WE LEARNED THAT TURKISH AIR BASE AT MERTED (APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES WEST OF ANKARA) HAD PLACED ALL ITS AIR AND GROUND CREWS ON ALERT AND HAD LOADED ITS F-104 AIRCRAFT WITH BOMBS AND ROCKETS.

3. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHAT IS BEHIND THIS. OUR SPECULATION  
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INCLUDES (A) SHOW OF FORCE IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF GENEVA II

TALKS; (B) ANTICIPATION OF GREEK CHALLENGE IN "DANGER AREA"  
RECENTLY DECLARED BY TURKS IN WHAT IS NORMALLY GREEK-CONTROLLED  
AEGEAN AIR SPACE; (C) REACTION TO RUMORS THAT TWO GREEK BATTALIONS  
HAVE BEEN LANDED ON CYPRUS; AND (D) A CONTINUATION OF WAR OF NERVES  
AND DUPLICATION OF RECENT GREEK "ONE MINUTE" AIR ALERT.

4. WHIEL REPORTS FROM THE TWO BASES ARE OF COURSE TROUBLING  
TO US, THERE ARE NO OTHER ATMOSPHERICS AND NO OTHER INDICATIONS  
THAT SUGGEST TURKS ARE ON VERGE OF NEW INITIATIVE. WE WILL OF COURSE  
CONTINUE MONITOR SIUTAION CLOSELY.  
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